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"Swat the Fly"

THE systematic campaign against tuberculosis—for prevention, cure, and general sanitation—has been so successful in its results that the national organizations for public health and civic betterment are about to make war on the housefly, using similar methods to those that have proved practical in the anti-tuberculosis campaign. Already in the cities of the east may be seen in rented store rooms along the principal streets, carefully arranged exhibits to show the dangers due to the housefly. He is a dirty beast. Worse than that, he is the most universal and most effective carrier of disease the world knows.

Rats, mosquitoes, foul air, and foul water probably do not equal, all combined, the menace of the common housefly. The case against the fly is being perfected daily by the bug sharps and the sanitary experts. Heretofore even by those best informed among the laity, the worst menace of the fly was considered as relating to the health of human kind. Now it has been ascertained that the common housefly and its relative known as the carrion fly are the principal distributors of the various plant fungi which cause the "smuts," the "rusts," and the "rots" of the various grains, fruits, and vegetables.

It is estimated by the agricultural department that the loss to the farmers of the country through the filthy personal habits of the housefly and its near relatives amounts to at least \$1,000,000 per week and probably more. The brutes feed on anything, clean or unclean, living or dead, diseased or healthy, and they carry around on their feet and wings almost every known kind of animal germ and vegetable spore, communicating disease to mankind and the lower animals and also to the various field and orchard crops.

The campaign against the fly, like that against yellow fever and smallpox, should be continuous. Extermination in the winter and spring means reducing the summer crop of young flies by about 1,000,000,000 Cains for each Adam put out of business.

The Herald's bird man, Hamilton, is still on the wing. He flies while others flutter.

Sr. Terrazas is taking a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of one young man when he says the races are going on for another 19 years at Juarez.

"Help save the babies" by sending in sums from one cent up, toward the fund which is necessary to carry on the "life saving service" during the summer. There are 5000 children in the schools, and if each one contributed 10 cents the \$500 fund would be quickly made up. It is a beautiful charity and deserves universal cooperation.

Dogs, Muzzles, and Rabies

THE frightful death of a little boy in this city from rabies communicated by a pet dog suggests the necessity that suspicious cases be given the Pasteur treatment in plenty of time, even though there be no particular reason to suspect rabies.

This tragedy revives the discussion of muzzling dogs in the summer time. Many humane persons in this country and abroad maintain that muzzling prevents dogs from drinking and keeps them from working their jaws, licking their chops, rolling out their tongues, etc., according to dog habit. It is certainly true that an improperly made muzzle tortures a dog greatly and makes him vicious and ugly, though of course a dog does not become "mad" in the sense of being afflicted with rabies, unless there has been some direct infection. A muzzle properly designed, however, will let a dog drink properly out of a trough or deep pan and will let him work his jaws and roll out his tongue, but will prevent him from snapping and biting at other dogs or at human beings.

A certain school of doctors maintains that there is no such thing as rabies or hydrophobia, but that the so-called disease is due to nervous collapse and change arising from fear of something that does not exist. This would hardly seem to apply in the case of a nine year old boy, whose sense of fear in such a case must be slight. However, it is not for us to discuss the difference between the doctors. The majority incline toward a belief in the terrible reality of the disease known as rabies or hydrophobia, and a very complete system of treatment has been devised, which has seemed to have remarkable results in the way of prevention and cure. It is the part of wisdom to take advantage of such scientific knowledge as we have, and as in the case of vaccination, do the best we know how to do, even though we admit that our knowledge is imperfect.

As to the question of requiring by law that all dogs be muzzled, the difficulty in enforcing such a law seems almost insurmountable. It would be necessary not only to see that all dogs are muzzled, but that they are properly muzzled in a humane and effective fashion so as not to torture the dogs and make them vicious, but merely so as to protect other animals and human beings from being snapped at and bitten.

As is well known, it is impossible to enforce strictly even the law requiring the dog tax and tag. If people, even those in good circumstances, will not tag and collar their dogs, to protect them, it is hardly likely that a muzzling law would be any more successfully enforced. In this particular case which has just resulted in the death of a child, the dog was a pet which had never been known to become vicious about the house or to attack children, and the attack was made in this case on the private premises of the owner. It would obviously be impossible to enforce even a good strong muzzling law on the private premises of a dog's owner, for the owner can do and will do exactly as he pleases in his own home and yard, and the average dog would certainly go unmuzzled about his owner's place, however rigidly the law might be enforced as to the public streets.

A better way of getting at the problem for the present appears to be the wholesale destruction of unlicensed dogs, the curs and strays that receive little care or attention from anybody; and a campaign of education among the people generally, leading them to watch for the slightest evidences of disease or sickness in a dog and to take instant steps to prevent a sick dog from running at large or snapping at members of the owner's family.

The Herald would be glad to receive communications on this subject from the medical profession and the laity. The life of one little child is worth all the dogs in the universe, but whatever action is taken should be reasonable and practical, not influenced by fanaticism on either side of the question.

Now Hearst has endorsed Taft. Taft ought to be perfectly batty about it.

As the little boy said, it is probably true that angels never have whiskers, because men never get there except by a close shave.

If you are a hog, a steer, or a sheep, your life is worth saving; if you are a human being you take your own chances—that seems to be the philosophy of our national government, which spends many millions every year on its agricultural department, and hardly turns its hand to conserve the public health. Nearly all the great work of sanitary education is being done by private organizations.

Considering the financial difficulties of the El Paso public schools, perhaps this suggestion may be of use: From the Grady (N. M.) Record we learn that "at Pleano last week money was collected to the amount of \$57.50 for the enlargement of the schoolhouse, and that other money has been secured since on subscription besides \$17.05 taken in on a pie supper." Let's have a pie supper for fun before we are driven to it as a last resort.

UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

WHEN I was young I wasn't good; the teacher whaled me all the while; he used up nearly all the wood that he could find within a mile. He used up limbs of stateless yews, he wore out sticks of elm and beech; sometimes he hit me with his shoes; he didn't have much time to teach. At night I used to go to bed and plan my vengeance while I slept; "I'll punch that four-eyed teacher's head," I used to murmur, as I slept. But now that I am old and gray, I'd like to grasp that teacher's hand, and tell him that his gentle way was something I can't understand. When I recall the way I tried to aggravate that good old soul, I wonder that he left my hide upon me while he had a pole. And thus it is with many woes; we talk revenge for some affront; but as time flies our anger goes, and so we try some milder stunt. "Our neighbor," we may cry today, "has done to us a thing of shame;" but when our warmth has passed away, we're apt to find we were to blame. And so, when we are making plans to even up some frightful wrong, it's wise to seal our wrath in cans, until a few days slide along.

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14 Years Ago To-day

(From The Herald of this date, 1896)

Mexican Secretary of War Here; Schools and Banks Close Today

General Ignacio M. Escudero, former secretary of war for Mexico, arrived this morning at Juarez and was welcomed by United States consul Buford. Mexican consul Mallen and collector Sanchez, while the troops from the Mexican garrison were also on hand and a serenade was given by the two bands. The High School students gave an entertainment last night in honor of San Jacinto day and netted \$200 for their library fund. There were several recitations. Eight cars of ore were received by the Mexican Ore company this morning from Sonora. The original franchise for the water company expires next month, though the franchise for the fire hydrants has 11 months to run. Schools and banks are closed today while the Lower Star flag floats from the courthouse. The report regarding the dam, which has been prepared by Jos. Magoffin and Rev. Thomas, will be forwarded to congressman Cockrell tonight. The Santa Fe was two hours late today owing to delays on the northern end of the line. The Casino entertained General Hernandez and wife last night, music being furnished by the Eleventh cavalry and 15th infantry bands. General Hernandez has donated the ermine as recorder and is now officiating in that capacity. Judge Maxey says it will go hard with El Paso merchants caught smuggling in the future. Dr. Roseberry left this morning on a trip to Trinidad, Colo. Col. Ritter now has the artesian well down 840 feet, the old river bed being struck at that depth. Metal in market—Silver, 67 1/2; lead, 2.90; copper, 10 1/4; Mexican pesos 53c.

With The Exchanges

WILL STAY OUT LATE.

From Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise. It may be expected that soon men will be giving up the prospect of staying out late that they wanted to see Halley's comet.

PAST FIVE STORY STAGE.

From Albuquerque (N. M.) Morning Journal. El Paso limits the height of her buildings to 10 stories. Better make it five. The southwest has plenty of room and plenty of sunshine and why crowd up and shut it out?

A MERE COINCIDENCE.

From Albuquerque (N. M.) Morning Journal. In Albuquerque a doctor was elected mayor and the council and school board are largely surgical; in Raton they chose a physician for mayor and Roswell followed suit, not to mention a number of smaller places. Albuquerque, at least, was in need of medical skill.

ARIZONA GOING DRY.

From Douglas (Ariz.) Dispatch. Unless we mistake the signs of the times and the temper of the people, the licensing of saloons and the sale of intoxicating liquor in this city and county is not to continue much longer. Unless there should be a radical change of sentiment, the elimination of the saloon will be brought about by an overwhelming majority at the next election held on the question and when particulars and facts.

ZINC, OIL AND GAS IN EL PASO COUNTY; COMPANIES TO OPERATE

The Zinc Deposits Are Very Rich and Gas Is Found in Ordinary Wells—Oil Is Expected.

Plateau, El Paso County, Texas, April 21.—The Plateau Concentrating and Mining company, of Plateau and Dallas, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona, has been chartered, capital \$250,000. The officers and directors are: President, W. R. Howard; vice president, A. M. White, general manager; H. Clogenson, treasurer and superintendent; W. A. Day, secretary. This company owns two of the best claims in the zinc field, nine and a half miles north of Plateau. This field is considered one of the best zinc fields in the United States. The Plateau company will erect a concentrator and such other improvements as may be necessary to develop the field. The other mining companies operating in this field are the Texas Zinc Co., the Lone Star Co., the Buck Co., Clogenson Co., Howard Co. and the Read Co. The ore runs 80 percent pure zinc and on a test run of five cars, the ore averaged \$300 to the car.

Oil and Gas. H. Clogenson, W. R. Howard, A. M. White, Mr. Howard and Mr. Terrell, of Dallas, and T. A. Kindred, of Plateau, in company with one of the best zinc experts in the United States, have just made a tour of inspection of the field and found it satisfactory. Mr. White, who is a mining engineer and oil expert, pronounces the Plateau valley as one of the best future oil and gas fields in the west. Mr. White has located two gasers (in old water wells) and made a test. Mr. White returns to Dallas to perfect arrangements to develop the field, as he has a proposition from one of the biggest oil companies in the state to open the field. Developments will be started at once. T. A. Kindred, who resides at Plateau, has been one of the prime movers of developing the resources here, as Mr. Kindred discovered the natural resources and has promoted the town which will be opened in the summer, as about all of the lots have been sold. Mr. Kindred owns stock in the

MINING NEWS.

The wells in which the gas has been discovered have caused considerable talk for some time. In testing the wells, when the air was condensed to a small aperture and lighted, a blue flame burned steadily as from a gas jet, while in the well that is a case of lighted cotton was let down which caught the gas and an explosion followed, causing no damage, but scattering the spectators.

ALPINE AUTO OWNER HURT: RAILROAD MAN TO HOSPITAL. Alpine, Tex., April 21.—I. G. Gourley was painfully injured by an automobile in which he was riding. The automobile was riding to Marfa, and the part of the machinery broke, and in attempting to repair it, Mr. Gourley's arm was caught and badly lacerated.

R. A. Werth has returned from a visit to East Texas points. Miss Lottie Sowell has returned from Abilene, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

S. P. Ford and son Ira, are visiting in Ft. Stockton. Section foreman S. H. McCullough, of the Ft. H., who has been sick for several days, has returned to his home in the company hospital in El Paso.

Mrs. John Young has returned from a visit to Ozona. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Drake, who will visit in Alpine. Mrs. B. C. Thomas has returned from a visit to San Antonio.

TULAROSA NEWS NOTES. Tularosa, N. M., April 21.—James A. Carroll, superintendent of the Indian reservation at Mescalero, has returned from a trip to Alamogordo.

S. W. Ward, superintendent of the Flying H. ranch at Artesia, is here looking after cattle.

Frank Smith is here from Three Rivers visiting with friends. Jim Stacks has gone to Fort Worth, Texas.

A. N. Biazar is in El Paso. Misses Dater and Beulah Rogers, of Bent, are visiting with relatives. George Atkins, of Bent, is visiting with friends.

MAKING A GARDEN; LOTS OF FUN.

Opportunities Are Great in City and Country Alike

SPRINGTIME is gardening time. To him who makes a business of farming, and to him who depends for his livelihood upon the produce of a truck garden, the advent of spring may mean nothing more than the opening of a business season. But at some time or other the ancestors of all of us tilled the fields; and when the winter breaks, and the grass begins to grow green, and the trees bud, then our inheritance makes itself felt in the blood.

Consequently everybody wants to make a garden, and the more impossible this feat the greater is the desire. The dweller in city flats sees only the joy and the romance of digging in the smelly earth and planting the seeds which promise so many dainty dishes in the by and by.

Those persons actually near to the soil, especially young American gentlemen over 10 and under 16 years old, living in rural communities, take a different view of the situation. They are making a garden means simply onerous and disagreeable toil, interfering with the serious business of life, which is, of course, the playing of baseball.

But this year more than ever before in the United States, the business of making a garden has a most serious aspect. One of the visible results of the present era of high prices of food is the steady increase in the number of city people who are moving to the suburbs for the purpose of owning a garden which will furnish a goodly proportion of the food to be consumed upon the family table.

The public school garden and the vacant lot farm have given a great number of city girls and boys some practical training in gardening, and they can manage the little suburban home garden with the same ease and skill as work in the city, thereby materially reducing the amount of the grocery bill.

Productive Miracles. Veritable miracles of production have been wrought by suburbanite gardeners. One of the most attractive stocks of this kind is that of two boys who were the sons of a minister. He was the pastor of a poverty stricken congregation, and his salary was so small that it had to be supplemented in some way. The boys were youngsters of that age when baseball on the back lot is the chief summer interest, but they were made of the stuff that gave them a desire to be useful in the solution of the problem of financial distress. They engaged the mind of their clerical father.

So they persuaded him to vacate the manse and take a little house and garden plot which rented for \$120 a year. They had no horse, wagon nor plow, so they exchanged their own labor, when it could be spared from their truck patches, for the use of these things. They planted one acre in cucumbers, half an acre each in cabbages, and three-fourths of an acre in sweet corn, with an acre and a quarter in other truck.

They sold the cucumbers for \$115, the cabbage for \$35, the melons for \$65, the sweet corn for \$45, and the other crops in proportion, \$515 in all. Meanwhile the father was so delighted with the sturdy industry of his two half-grown boys that it counteracted the weight of financial cares, and the family was restored to health and happiness.

From Poverty to Riches. In another instance a Detroit man, who had ruined his health and broken his fortune in an ill-starred country newspaper venture, as a last resort took charge of an old nursery that was almost as poverty stricken as he was. His entire assets consisted of a limited amount of household furniture, one hoe, one shovel, two rakes, a horse and buggy, with a chattel mortgage blank on it, and \$2000 invested in baby girl securities. With less than half an acre for garden purposes he raised \$169 worth of produce. So strikingly successful was the little venture that it brought a turn in the tide of his affairs.

The agricultural press got hold of the story, and now he and his wife are earning as much as the farmer who has papers as they are from their garden, which have grown to many times the size of the original venture. And it was all done on a little plot no larger than a vacant lot to be found almost anywhere in a city.

Suburban Gardens. An experience meeting of people who have tried suburban gardening on the suburban scale is full of interest. One woman reports that she kept an accurate account of the time required to do her marketing and of the time she spent in her garden after she had begun to grow her own vegetables. She found she could keep her garden in flower in the same time that she had spent going to market. Another woman was unable to swing an ordinary hoe in her little garden of 40 feet square, so she used an old butcher knife. She deduced that it greatly benefited her health to hold her pocketbook and a melon patch in sandy soil, and became a very Croesus in the boy world as a result.

But aside from the utilitarian aspect of gardening, it is productive of a vast amount of pleasure, and is responsible for the restoration of roses to many a garden. In fact, the fun and the health to be derived from making a small garden is more than worth the labor and expense involved, even if neighbors are no crop of vegetables. The health often overtake the amateur gardener later in the season, may prevent the gathering of a harvest, but nothing can take away the memory of the healthful and delightful experience of that greatest of springtime sports—making a garden.

Tomorrow—Bees and Honey.

cover the windows. In each case the bees are confined and the only thing they need is the office and the people in the office.

To the average man there is nothing more interesting than the street. If there are good broad windows which give him a good view of an interesting street, he can pass a very interesting half hour waiting for his friend, or consuming his cigar.

In Los Angeles the Van Nuy's, the Angles, and the Westmister have their lobbies arranged that a man has a comfortable chair where he can watch the street, and these chairs are always well patronized when the rest of the lobby is empty.

Give the stranger within your gates a chance to see your people, and do it in a comfortable chair.

A New Mexican.

COURT ADJOURNS; NOTED CASE ENDED

Immigration Inspector Dies at Nogales; Grant Bros. to Resume Work.

Nogales, Ariz., April 21.—The district court has concluded the calendar for the term and gone into recess until October. The case of the National Metal company vs. the Greene Consolidated Copper company, was among the important cases. The calendar and the arguments will be submitted in briefs and judgment rendered afterwards. It has been twice to the supreme court and three times to the district court. It involves \$100,000. The Four Metals litigation, which has been piling up for two years, went on a change of venue to Pima county.

Nathan Leeker, charged jointly with Z. E. Pettigrew, in conspiracy, was acquitted.

Grant Bros' construction outfit is being crossed at this port into Mexico, to the scene of operation of the West Coast railroad extending to Tepic.

Immigration inspector A. A. Gates died at his home on North Crawford street, after a long illness. He was 33 years of age and leaves a wife and two little girls. The body will be sent to California for interment. He has been in Nogales but a few months, having been transferred from Patagonia.

Mrs. F. J. Duffy entertained a number of friends at her home on Terrace avenue in honor of Judge F. M. Doan, who, having completed the term of the district court at Nogales, left for Tombstone where he begins federal court.

COPPER FIND CAUSES RUSH TO NEW FIELD

Many Claims Filed—Methuendist Conference to Convene at Tucuman.

Tucuman, N. M., April 21.—Considerable excitement prevails over the finding of the nuggets of copper at the Grape Vine canyon, 18 miles south east of Tucuman. A number have mining claims there, and have been watching the development of the mines with much interest. J. F. Hopkins brought to the city some copper and gold ore that so excited those who saw them that many have gone to the canyon to file on claims. Some of the nuggets are as large as hen eggs. S. V. Williams, of Tucuman, owns the claim on which the best specimens were found. J. E. Hopkins left last night for Chicago, taking samples with him.

R. E. Galloway, principal of the Logan high school, is attending district court.

W. J. Hittson, of Los Angeles, has arrived to commence the erection of a business building on east Main street. S. H. Buchard, engineer for the J. A. Ware Construction company, is in the city closing up the business, as the company has completed the work on the Tucuman and Memphis road.

T. A. Mulhead is in El Paso. The district conference of the M. E. church south, of the Albuquerque district, will convene in Tucuman on May 4. Rev. J. H. Messer, of Albuquerque, is the presiding elder.

MINING COMPANY PLACING MACHINERY AT VAN HORN

Rains Reported General Over Section—Many Ranch Houses Building

Van Horn, Texas, April 21.—The Mica Mining company has installed a 20 horse power gasoline engine and air compressor at its mine, 16 miles south of town. They are about ready to begin work.

W. T. Medley, of the Lorneta ranch, has just finished an addition to his dwelling.

T. H. Yarbro has begun the erection of a seven room dwelling on his Dalberg ranch, south of town.

Walter Beach is in from his ranch and reports stock doing fine since the good rains of the month ago.

Bids for a \$11,000 hotel at Lobo are being solicited. The structure is to be built of brick.

W. W. Gibson and family, of Fort Worth, are here visiting his brother, Fred P. Gibson.

May Bowles, of Alpine, is in the Van Horn mountains looking for yule, or rubber plant.

R. H. Esby, of Lobo, reports all the fruit crops here by the recent freeze. Lee Prude, who is from his ranch, reports good rains in his territory.

A linen shower was given at the home of Mrs. W. D. Garren to Miss Fluke Durrell, who is to be married soon.

The cowboys are to have a ball on April 29, in honor of the boys of Kent, Texas.

METCALF MEXICANS PLAN

FOR FESTIVAL. Metcalf, Ariz., April 21.—The Mexican population of Metcalf is preparing to celebrate May 5 in true Mexican style. A mass meeting has been held for the purpose of preparing a program and appointing a committee to attend to the details. It is expected that the Coronado railway will run special trains between here and Ciudad Juarez to accommodate the crowds.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burns, who for many years have been conducting the Burns rooming house, have removed to their home in North El Paso, where they will reside in the future.

Jack Barkhurst, formerly of Metcalf, who is now residing 25 miles north of here, has returned to his ranch after spending a few days with friends.

Fred Purcell and R. R. Tanner have returned from Clifton from where they accompanied Misses Deck, Radant and Bond to Gila Hot Springs, Sunday.

MALAGA, N. M. NEWS

Malaga, N. M., April 21.—Mrs. J. L. Williams has gone to Millersburg, Ill., in answer to a message announcing the serious illness of her mother. She will return by the way of Centerville, Ill., to visit other relatives.

The Malaga girls' basketball team will play the Carlisle team Saturday at Carlisle.

The damage by the heavy frost and ice is very slight, as the fruit is protected by the heavy snow on the trees. Early garden truck was nipped.

Ysleta NEWS NOTES. Ysleta, Tex., April 21.—Capt. and Mrs. Kennicott are en route from San Diego, Cal., to their home in Chicago.

G. S. Kennicott, Martin Wuerschmidt and Will Davis are taking the census. Gailley and Clark have opened the new road to Clint.

Dr. W. L. Vance, of El Paso, gave a 6 o'clock dinner at Valley Inn, complimentary to Miss Anita Jones, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. French. The El Paso Times those who came down with Dr. Vance were Miss Jones and Dr. and Mrs. Cary.